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1. SUMMIT COVERAGE. NEWSPAPER AND TV COVERAGE REAMINS
HEAVY, THOUGH AT A SOMEWHAT REDUCED LEVEL, REFLECTING
THE FACT THAT ONLY ONE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY.
IN REPORTING THE CRIMEAN ARRIVAL, THE TASS ACCOUNT
CAREFULLY NOTES THE DESTINATION AS OREANDA, NOT YALTA.
COLOR PIECES INCLUDE PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORTS FROM
THE INTOURIST PRESS CENTER, WHICH ARE DEVOTED LARGELY
TO INTERVIEWS WITH WESTERN NEWSMEN AND BUSINESSMEN
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ON THE MERITS OF DETENTE. THE IZVESTIYA STORY MAKES

AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO ZAMYATIN'S ARGUMENT ESPONDENTS OVER THE TASS
RENDERING OF THE PRESIDENT'S
DINNER TOAST -- IZVESTIYA SAYS THAT "EVEN IN THE PRESS
CENTER" THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE READY TO MAKE AN
"UNWHOLESOME SENSATION" OUT OF IMAGINARY EVIDENCE.

2. PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON SUMMIT. PRAVDA'S WEEKLY
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMENTARY OFFERS THE FIRST
REAL SOVIET PRESS EVALUATION OF THE VISIT. IT IS
CAUTIOUSLY POSITIVE: "MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. BUT
THERE IS EVERY REASON TO HOPE THAT THE CURRENT DIALOGUE
WILL BE AS FRUITFUL AS THE TWO PREVIOUS ONES." THE
ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS IS DESCRIBED AS "BUSINESSLIKE,
FRANK, AND CONSTRUCTIVE." THE COMMENTARY DEVOTES CON-
SIDERABLE SPACE TO ASSERTING THAT THE VISIT HAS
GREAT BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN THE U.S.; TO UNDERLINE THE
POINT, PRAVDA RUNS A LONG TASS SIDEBAR QUOTING
AVERELL HARRIMAN'S POSITIVE REMARKS ABOUT HIS RECENT
MEETING WITH BREZHNEV. THE "SMALL BUT NOISY GROUP"
LED BY SENATOR JACKSON RATES TWO PARAGRAPHS OF
CRITICISM IN THE COMMENTARY. PRAVDA INTRODUCES
A NEW THEME INTO SUMMIT-WEEK REPORTING BY
ANTICIPATING CHINESE ATTACKS ON U.S.-SOVIET SUMMITRY.
IT NOTES THAT THE 1972 AND 1973 SUMMIT AGREEMENTS ARE
HAILED BY ALL EXCEPT THOSE WHO LOOK AT THE WORLD WITH
SUSPICION AND HOSTILITY. CONTINUING, PRAVDA REJECTS THE
IDEA OF "SUPERPOWER" COLLUSION -- THE U.S. AND USSR ARE
ENTITLED TO NO SPECIAL RIGHTS OR ADVANTAGES AND THE
NORMALIZATION OF THEIR RELATIONS IS IN THE INTERESTS OF
ALL PEOPLE.

3. ATLANTIC DECLARATION. THE SAME PRAVDA COMMENTARY
TAKES A NEGATIVE LINE ON THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION.
CITING WESTERN PRESS SOURCES PRAVDA SAYS THAT THE
DECLARATION'S APPROVAL OF DETENTE DOES NOT SQUARE WITH
ITS EMPHASIS ON BUILDING UP THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF
THE "EXCLUSIVE ATLANTICIST MILITARY-POLITICAL GROUPING."
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